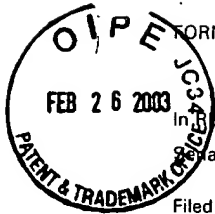


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Case Docket No. NIP-154

Inventor application of M. IZAWA et al

Serial No.: 09/373,723

Group Art Unit: 1763

Filed: August 13, 1999

Examiner: ALEJANDRO, L.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the specification with the enclosed (clean form)
substitute specification which complies with 37 C.F.R.
1.125(b). The substitute specification includes no new
matter. A marked up version of the substitute specification
is also enclosed showing all the amendments to the original
specification.